

I am concerned about the FCCs march to allow media consolidation. I believe that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air a highly political documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers.

I have not seen th "documentary" so I cannot judge whether or not it is as political as its reputation. I understand it is anti-Kerry, but I would be just as upset if it were pro-Kerry without a balancing point of view. The real problem is the timing. Regardless of what it is, if it is forced on local stations just before the election, there is not time for a fair rejoinder.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It is very important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.